*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1     1.  [Original]  A method for maintaining synchronization of

2     ledger accounts between a back-end procurement system and a

3     front-end requisition and catalog system, comprising the

4     steps of:


5          associating a plurality of companies within a company

6          group, the companies within said group using the same

7          chart of accounts;


8          maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement

9          system;


10         periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,

11         account identification indicia and descriptive

12         information for a given company;


13         communicating said indicia and information to said

14         requisition and catalog system;

15    at said requisition and catalog system, storing said

16    indicia and information in a data store of valid

17    general ledger accounts associated with said company

18    group for said given company.

1    2.    [Original]    The method of claim 1, further comprising

2    the steps of:

3    associating commodity codes with said account

4    identification indicia; and

5    pushing commodity code/account identification

6    associations to all other companies in the company

7    group of said given company.

1    3.    [Original]    The method of claim 2, further comprising

2    the step of:

3    responsive to a user request for a requisition of a

4    commodity, providing a selection list of valid account

5    codes and descriptions authorized for purchase by users

6    from companies within said company group.

1    4.    [Original]    A procurement accounting system,

2       comprising:

3               a back-end procurement system;

4               a front-end requisition and catalog system;

5               a first chart of accounts store maintained in said
6               procurement system;

7               a second chart of accounts maintained in said
8               requisition and catalog system;

9               an extract utility at said procurement system for
10              periodically extracting from said first chart of
11              accounts, account identification indicia and
12              descriptive information for a given company;

13              an update utility at said requisition and catalog
14              system for associating said account identification
15              indicia with commodity codes and company group codes;
16              and

17              a data store for storing said indicia and information.

1    5.    [Original]   The system of claim 4, further comprising:

2          a company group table for storing company identifiers

3          associated with each of a plurality of company group

4          codes.


1    6.    [Original]   The system of claim 5, said update utility

2    further for pushing to all companies within a company group

3    code the associations of commodity codes and account

4    identification indicia entered for a given company within

5    said company group codes.


1    7.    [Original]   The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2          an output device responsive to a user request for a

3          purchase of a commodity for displaying a selection list

4          of valid account codes and descriptive information for

5          said company group code.


1    8.    [Original]   A program storage device readable by a

2    machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions

3    executable by a machine to perform method steps for

4    maintaining synchronization of ledger accounts between a

5    back-end procurement system and a front-end requisition and

6    catalog system, said method steps comprising:

7         associating a plurality of companies within a company

8         group, the companies within said group using the same

9         chart of accounts;

10        maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement

11        system;

12        periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,

13        account identification indicia and descriptive

14        information for a given company;

15        communicating said indicia and information to said

16        requisition and catalog system;

17        at said requisition and catalog system, storing said

18        indicia and information in a data store of valid

19        general ledger accounts associated with said company

20        group code for said given company.

1    9.    [Original]   A computer program product or computer

2    program element for maintaining synchronization of ledger

3    accounts between a back-end procurement system and a front-

4    end requisition and catalog system according to method steps

5    comprising:


6        associating a plurality of companies within a company

7        group, the companies within said group using the same

8        chart of accounts;


9        maintaining a chart of accounts in said procurement

10       system;


11       periodically extracting from said chart of accounts,

12       account identification indicia and descriptive

13       information for a given company;


14       communicating said indicia and information to said

15       requisition and catalog system;


16       at said requisition and catalog system, storing said

17       indicia and information in a data store of valid

18       general ledger accounts associated with said company

19       group code for said given company.


1    10.    [New]    The program storage device of claim 8, said

2    method steps further comprising:

3          associating commodity codes with said account

4          identification indicia; and

5          pushing commodity code/account identification

6          associations to all other companies in the company

7          group of said given company.

1     11.   [New]   The program storage device of claim 10, said

2     method steps further comprising:

3          responsive to a user request for a requisition of a

4          commodity, providing a selection list of valid account

5          codes and descriptions authorized for purchase by users

6          from companies within said company group.